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SUBJECT: DOWNED HELICOPTER

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 678 B) LIBREVILLE 519

1. DEPTOFF CONTACTED NASA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION TO LEARN WHETHER LANDSAT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ERTS) PHOTOGRAPHY COULD BE OF ANY USE IN HELICOPTER SEARCH. NEW LANDSAT III WAS LAUNCHED MARCH 5. NASA OFFICIAL, JAMES ZIMMERMAN, SAID THAT RESOLUTION OF LANDSAT IMAGERY WAS SUCH THAT IT WOULD BE "VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE" TO DISTINGUISH OBJECT AS SMALL AS HELICOPTER--EVEN IF IT WERE LYING IN OPEN FIELD. LANDSAT HAS NO CAPABILITY OF SIGHTING OBJECTS IN HEAVILY VEGETATED AREAS.

2. WITH REGARD TO USG MAPPING ASSISTANCE (REF B), YOU MAY INFORM BONGO THAT NASA WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER GOG REQUEST TO PROVIDE (AT COST) LANDSAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF SPECIFIC AREAS IN SUPPORT OF ALREADY UNDERWAY OR PLANNED
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DATA-USE MAPPING PROJECT. EFFECTIVE USE OF DATA WOULD REQUIRE TRAINING OF GABONESE EXPERTS, ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS, IN IMAGE INTERPRETATION AT EROS (EARTH RESOURCES OBSERVATION SATELLITE) DATA CENTER, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA (ENGLISH SPEAKERS ONLY). WISH TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH PROJECT WOULD BE OF VALUE ONLY FOR LARGE-SCALE

MAPPING ACTIVITIES OR RESOURCE INVENTORY PURPOSES AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE USEFUL OR TIMELY WITH REGARD TO HELICOPTER SEARCH. LEAD TIME REQUIRED TO PRODUCE NEW DATA IS TWO MONTHS; EXISTING DATA COULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN 3-4 WEEKS. NASA IS SENDING TO DEPT CATALOGUE LISTING OF AVAILABLE DATA ON GABON. WILL POUCH UPON RECEIPT.

3. DEPTOFF GAVE GIST OF PARA 1 TO MAURICE TEMPLESMAN WHO HAD BEEN ASKED BY BONGO TO INQUIRE ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF SATELLITE COVERAGE. TEMPLESMAN INTENDS CALL BONGO TOMORROW (MARCH 22) TO REPORT THAT USG HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE ALL POSSIBILITIES AND THAT WE REGRET INABILITY TO PROVIDE USABLE ASSISTANCE. VANCE

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